Regulatory Division (SPK-2009-00602)

Ms. Jessica Hankins
Nevada County Planning Department
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Dear Ms. Hankins:

We are responding to your April 23, 2009, request for comments on the Rincon Del Rio project. This project is located at Latitude 39.017130° North, Longitude 121.087340° West, in Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 8 East, and Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, MDB&M, near Lake of the Pines, in Nevada County, California. Your identification number is SPK-2009-00602.

The Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction within the study area is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, rivers, perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, vernal pools, marshes, wet meadows, and seeps. Project features that result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to starting work.

To ascertain the extent of waters on the project site, the applicant should prepare a wetland delineation, in accordance with the "Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Preliminary Wetland Delineations", under "Jurisdiction" on our website at the address below, and submit it to this office for verification. A list of consultants that prepare wetland delineations and permit application documents is also available on our website at the same location.

The range of alternatives considered for this project should include alternatives that avoid impacts to wetlands or other waters of the United States. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. In the event it can be clearly demonstrated there are no practicable alternatives to filling waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the unavoidable losses resulting from project implementation.
Please refer to identification number SPK-2009-00602 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Hess at our California North Branch, 1325 J Street, Room 1480, Sacramento, California, 95814-2922, email erin.e.hess@usace.army.mil, or telephone (916) 557-6740. You may also use our website: www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html.

Sincerely,

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